

House Resolution No. 325

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of four decades has passed since Avondel Lee "Von" Gilliam lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mary Lee Becker, during a solemn ceremony on February 13, 1965, at the Memorial Methodist Church in Farmington, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Von and Mary Gilliam have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children, Tracy Lee Dugge, Michael Lee Gilliam, and Melissa Lee Gilliam; and

Whereas, Von Gilliam has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes working as an electrical contractor for twenty-six years, owning Meier Electric Company, Incorporated, for twenty-two years, and being a member of the Farmington Elks Club; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mary Gilliam has further distinguished herself by serving as co-owner, bookkeeper, and secretary of Meier Electric Company, Incorporated, for twenty-two years and being a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Hulsey Real Estate for twelve years; and

Whereas, during their forty years together, Von and Mary Gilliam have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Gilliam, residents of Farmington will commemorate their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary on February 12, 2005, at the American Legion Hall:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Von and Mary Gilliam and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Avondel Lee Gilliam.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Robinson
District No. 107

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 325, adopted February 1, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker